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"AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONAL WATERCRAFT AND CHILDREN."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 26-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall appoint such
6 number of conservation officers as may be necessary for the efficient
7 execution of the duties of the department under section 26-6, as
8 amended. The commissioner may supplement the regular conservation
9 officer force by appointing as special conservation officer [or as
10 patrolman] any employee of the department or any sworn federal law
11 enforcement officer of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or
12 National Marine Fisheries Service, provided such federal officer shall
13 not be considered an employee of the state and may only exercise such
14 officer's authority pursuant to said section 26-6 when working with a

15 full-time conservation officer. The commissioner may also appoint any
16 lake patrolman as a special conservation officer solely for the purpose
17 of enforcing boating laws within such patrolman's jurisdiction,
18 provided such patrolman shall not be considered an employee of the
19 state, and further provided that such patrolman has completed a police
20 training course at the state police training school or an equivalent
21 course approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.
22 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no such lake patrolman
23 shall carry a firearm while in the performance of his or her duties as a
24 special conservation officer unless the board of selectmen of the town
25 or towns in which the lake on which the lake patrolman serves is
26 located approves such carrying of a firearm, or in the case of any town
27 having no board of selectmen, the lake patrolman obtains the approval
28 of the legislative body of such town or towns in which the lake is
29 located. Each conservation officer [,] or special conservation officer [or
30 patrolman] shall complete a police training course at the state police
31 training school or an equivalent course approved by the Commissioner
32 of Public Safety. Special conservation officers [and patrolmen] who are
33 employees of the department shall be entitled to the same benefits to
34 which conservation officers are entitled under the provisions of section
35 5-142, as amended; and such an appointment shall be deemed not to be
36 in conflict with any of the provisions of chapter 67. In addition to their
37 salaries, conservation officers [,] and special conservation officers [and
38 patrolmen] who are employees of the department shall be reimbursed
39 for all expenses incurred in performance of official duty."